

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

331 8th Street So. Brigantine, NJ 08203

www.stthomasbrigantine.org

"Lord, You have come to the Seashore..."

Please Join Us
Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
Tuesday, November 21st - 7:30pm



Give
Thanks **To The**
Lord Our God

November 19, 2023
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

SAT: 4:00PM

SUN: 8, 9:30 & 11:00AM

WEEKDAYS

MON. - SAT.: 8:30AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3PM
or by appointment

PASTOR: Fr. Edward Maher

PERMANENT DEACON: Len Long

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

609-266-2123

Mon.- Thurs.: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday 9:00AM - 1:00pm

office@stabrig.org

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Galloway,

609-652-7134

www.arcs.org

Principal Joan Dollinger

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Deb Widmann & Mary Pizza

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DEADLINE- FRIDAY, 10:00AM

WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

To Schedule Baptisms & Weddings

Please call the Parish Office.
(609) 266-2123 Ext. 3

Baptisms

Baptisms are held after the 11:00am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. One session of Baptism preparation is required prior to Baptism. Preparation sessions are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Meeting Room at 7:30pm. Registration required. Call the parish office.

Religious Education

Our Religious Education Program is for Grades 1st thru 8th. Grades 1 - 4 attend from 4pm - 5pm and 5 - 8 attend from 6pm - 7pm. Also, we have special programs for children & adults who would like to become Catholic or complete their sacraments.

Care of the Sick

The Parish Office may be called any time for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A Priest or Eucharistic Minister will administer the Eucharist to those who are homebound. **Our local hospitals also have a catholic priest available.**

St. Dismas Ministry

“Helping People Anonymously”

This ministry is available to anyone in Brigantine who feels overwhelmed by financial burdens and needs a helping hand. If you are in need of assistance, an application from the Parish Office must be completed first. The application is anonymous and if approved, short-term help will be provided. Please call the Parish Office.

Weekly Devotions

Rosary: Mon. - Fri. : after 8:30am Mass
Saturday: 8:10am
Tuesday: 7PM

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wednesday

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Friday



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

is every Friday from 9am-12noon. If there is a funeral, Adoration is held in the Parish Meeting Room, located behind the Rectory Office.



Saturday
8:30AM
4:00PM

November 18

Thomas Gervasio by Daughter
James Harvey by Wife Madeline
Kathleen Ortico by Anthony & Roseann DiMaggio

Sunday
8:00AM

November 19

Michael L. Bordonaro, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaVigna
Victoria Vandenberg Maldonado by Cynthia & Jim Kay
Ryan Rehill by Mammaw & Family
Dennis Eyde by Jim & Lora Constantine
Gerald James Highberger by Family
Vince Johnson by Annie & Mark
Joanna Kurtz by Debra & Larry Rutter
Joseph Andolfi by DiBona Family
Sebastiano DiMaria by Crocifissa Iannello

9:30AM

11:00AM

Monday

8:30AM

November 20

John Lee by Joe Corrigan

Tuesday

8:30AM

November 21

Joan Ackermann by Angel & Matt Ruggiero

Wednesday

8:30AM

November 22

Jane Connor by Stan & Alicia Seksinsky

Thursday

8:30AM

November 23 (Thanksgiving Day)

John Lee by Weetzie & Chris

Friday

8:30AM

November 24

Anthony Merendino by Sheila Daily & Family

Saturday

8:30AM

November 25

Neil J. Vitiello by Wife Fran & Children
Rose Iorio by Bill & Irene Zin
Diane Hennessy by Beckie & George Kuhl
Kenneth W. Alcott by Mark Massi
Barbara & Edward Gorman by Family

4:00PM

Sunday

8:00AM

November 26 (Christ the King)

Sal Russo by Roey Rehill
Michael L. Bordonaro, Jr. by Denise Driscoll
John & James Browne by Browne Family
Helen Stipo by Theresa Huber
Emilie Marzullo by Richard & MaryPat Geppert
John Lee by Knights of Columbus #7020

9:30AM

11:00AM

Important Bulletin Information

Please be advised that due to the upcoming holiday season and delivery restrictions, the 10:00am Friday deadline for bulletin information submission will be fluctuating, effective immediately. If you have anything that needs to be placed in the upcoming bulletins, please contact the Parish Office for the appropriate deadlines or email bulletin@stabrig.org. This change will be in effect until at least the third week in January. An update will be placed in the corresponding bulletin edition. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



"What you do after you say you believe"

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously through Stewardship, return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

Collections for the weekend of: November 11th & 12th

Offertory: \$6,341.00
E-Giving: \$1,398.00
School: \$1,839.00
\$9,578.00



To get started with online Giving, log onto our parish website: stthomasbrigantine.org and click on the **Parish Giving** button or click on the QR code.



Congratulations to Our Parishioners Celebrating November Anniversaries

Our prayers and best wishes go with you as you continue to live your vows.



Trudy & Damon Galmin, 62 Years

Prayer Requests

FOR ALL OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Virginia Keane, Ed Burns , Rita Durante

Please keep their families in your prayers.

FOR OUR SICK:

Jim Covert, Celine Powell, Carol Graham, Steve Shincarick, Beth LaSerra, Fran Byers, Zoe Rodriguez, Madeline Harvey, Melanie Hudson, Jerry Kilroy, Cynthia Giordano, Matt Fannon, Logan Seitz, Kristina McDaniel, Aurora Mary Gross, Charlie Arsenault, Diana Certo, Pat Castellano, Gail Squicimarra, Salvatore Pantalone, Kevin Thurlow, John Bernard, James Ruggiano, Bob Erickson, Thomas Heath,, Diane Anderson, Frank & Joann DiBona, Gilberta Rocha, LaMarr Gable, Gary Zimmerman, Marilyn Thoresen, Loretta Smith, George Kulczycky, Penny Walton, Brendan Garland, Ronald DiPinto, Brody Pomager, Katrina Yearicks, Diane Kuczynski, Barbara Smaldore, Brian Cavallari, Bill Whalen, Joanne Miller, Catherine Daddario, Asha Freytag

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE:

Capt. Robert Glanville, USMC, Maj. Jeffrey Moon, USAF
Sgt. Matt Krimm, US Army, Maj. Matt Valnoski, US Army
Cpl. Tristen T. Barry, USMC, Pvt. Austin Rehill, US Army
Sgt. Ronald DeWaal, USMC, PFC Jaryd Witkowski, US Army
Pvt. Matt Rehill, US Army, Ofc. Stephen D. Vanzant, US Navy
Lt. Cmdr. Tim Kerley, US Navy

Prayer Chain Network: The network prays for the immediate needs of others. To make a confidential request, please contact Renata Rynkiewicz at 609-705-9144

Liturgy and Life

It is not enough to simply return God's gifts just as we received them. Rather, we should work to make them multiply as much as possible. As we hear today, the reward for the productive servant is to "come, share your masters' joy" (Mt 25:23); in other words, come to the feast of heaven and earth.

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Ministry Schedule November 25th & 26th

Mass	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
SAT. 4:00PM	Fr. Ed	F. Burbridge	F. Streeper, B. DeLucry, M. Stinson
SUN. 8:00AM	Fr. Bob	L.Camerota	A. Solari, D. Phillips, K. Mogan
SUN. 9:30AM	Fr. Ed	J. Robbins	J. Staffieri, M. Brindisi, G. Scutti
SUN. 11:00AM	Msgr. Morgan	R. Barone	Deacon, F. & J. Sucharski

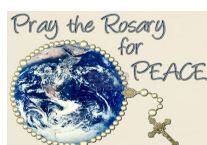
*******SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE******* If you cannot attend, please find a replacement. THANK YOU!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 21st

Hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Brigantine's Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be hosted this year by **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**. It will be held on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30pm**. All are invited to attend and light refreshments will be served after the service. A True Spirit Coalition free will offering will be taken up.



Rosary for Peace

Come join us every **Tuesday at 7pm** as we gather and pray the Rosary.

All are welcome.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE TUESDAY ROSARY ON NOVEMBER 21ST, WILL BE HELD AT 6:30PM, DUE TO THE INTERFAITH SERVICE.

LITTLE CATHOLIC SHOP

As the seasons change, so do our products at the Little Catholic Shop. We are now fully stocked for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We have something for everyone, from greeting cards to gifts. Come back to St. Philip Hall and see our inventory. We are open on Sundays after all morning masses. If you would like to shop during the week, stop by the Parish Office and someone will gladly assist you. We look forward to seeing you soon.



2024 Calendar Raffle
90 Chances to win & only \$20 each
(you can win more than once)



Available Now in the Parish Office!

These 3 month calendars (Jan., Feb., & March) make great gifts for anyone: hostess, mail carriers, neighbors, delivery drivers, etc...

Good Luck!



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday is today, **Sunday, November 19th** after all morning Masses. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnut and friendly conversation. Also, our nursing ministry will be available for complimentary blood pressure screenings.

UPCOMING

Nov. 21st Rosary 6:30pm
Interfaith Service 7:30pm (Church)
Nov. 23rd Parish Office Closed (Thanksgiving Day)
Nov. 24th Parish Office Closed

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Beginning on November 20th

The Knights of Columbus Council 7020 "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest will begin on November 20, 2023 for Religious Education program students in 1st through 8th grade.

Poster entries are due on Monday, December 4th at RE sessions. Poster contest winners in four age groups will be announced and awards presented by the Knights of Columbus at the RE session on December 11th. All entries will be showcased in St. Philip Hall over the Christmas season.

For more information, please contact Brian Mulvenna at 856-863-1263.



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 9am - 2:00pm in St. Philip Hall**. Appointments can be made online at redcrossblood.org or by calling **1-800-733-2767 (1800REDCROSS)**. Your donation will greatly help in saving lives. Please consider donating as the need for blood is critical. We hope you can join us.



Helping Those in Need

Advent Season is a time to prepare the way of the Lord. Open your hearts and help others celebrate the birth of the Lord.

As in the past, we will have **two giving Christmas trees** next to the Sanctuary this Advent Season, one for **seniors** without families and one for Brigantine families that are in need. With your generosity, we will be able to spread Christmas Blessings throughout our Community. Thank you.

Seniors without Families: Take a senior tag, purchase the requested item(s) listed, wrap the gift and return under the tree **with the tag visible on the gift. Deadline: December 10th**. For your information, we work together with "Home Instead" and each gift is specifically matched with a senior who has no family.

Brigantine Families in Need: this year we are collecting **gift cards only**. Take an empty envelope (labelled Gift Card) from the tree, place a gift card with receipt in the envelope and drop in the **Locked Box** next to the Christmas tree. **Deadline: December 10th**.

Suggested gift cards (in any denomination): Walmart, Target, WaWa & Amazon. With the help of True Spirit, your gift cards will go to families in need within the Brigantine Community.

***The trees will be available on Nov. 25th/26th ***



Cookie Walk Time Again!

The Women's Club of St. Thomas will be having their annual Cookie Walk and Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 9th**. We are always in need of bakers. If you can volunteer to bake 7 dozen cookies, please contact:

Winnie Galbraith: 215-429-2760
or email winniegabraith@gmail.com

Cookie drop-off will be on **Friday, December 8th** from 9am to noon.



St. Thomas continues to support “**Moms in Need**” at the Jersey Shore Women’s Center in Galloway. This crisis pregnancy center provides support to all women and their families, in a loving environment, connecting them to the resources and services they need.

CURRENT NEEDS:

Diapers– Size 3-7; Wipes; Shampoo, Lotion, Diaper Rash Cream; Sheets; Infant, Toddler (2-5) and Maternity Clothing (new or GENTLY used).

Donations can be placed in the **white basket** outside the confessional in the vestibule.

The center is always in need of bassinets and small portable baby items such as strollers, booster seats, pack n plays and high chairs. These items can be taken to the Community Presbyterian Church Thrift Store on Saturdays from 9am-12noon or call Brian & Kathy Mulvenna at 609-266-2268 to schedule donation pick up or drop off.

True Spirit Coalition *Hunger Never Takes a Vacation*

1501 West Brigantine Avenue (609)266-7942
Brigantine, NJ 08203

Donations of the following items would be appreciated.

Cereal, Pasta sauce, Pasta & Peanut Butter

All items must be new:

Donations can be placed in the designated **food bank boxes** located in the Main Entrance foyer of the church. Your donations will be delivered to the True Spirit Coalition each week. **For more information, please call Eileen Robbins at 610-721-7438.**



Many times seniors and others need help but don’t want to ask. **Our St. Dismas Ministry** is ready to help Brigantine Residents who are overwhelmed by financial burdens. Also, we can often set them up with a routine food order from the True Spirit Coalition.

All contacts are in strict confidence. If you know of someone that may need our help, please give them the contact information below or if you would rather, give their name to us and we will handle it very discretely.

Contact: Eileen Robbins 610-721-7438

The Knights of Columbus welcomes men 18 and over to join their Council. **The Knights Council meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in St. Philip Hall.** If you would like to become an online member of the Knights of Columbus, scan the QR Code with your phone and join now. You can also contact Grand Knight Dennis Reilly for additional information.



SCAN THE CODE AND JOIN NOW!

BRIGANTINE COUNCIL #7020

www.KoFC.org/JOINUS



Silent Retreat

Friday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. to
Sunday, December 17 at 1:30 p.m.

What will I do on a retreat? Which is right for me?

Private: Take the time for silence and immerse yourself in prayerful dialogue with God. Spend time in chapel, take walks in a beautiful setting, read scripture, and simply have a conversation with God. Most importantly, take the time to listen for God’s voice within you!

Directed: All of the above, plus meet daily with a trained spiritual director who can help you plan your prayer time and discern how God is speaking with you! Limited to 10 participants.

**\$200 Private
\$240 Directed**
Meals included



Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center
101 111th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247
Register at www.VMbytheSea.com or call 609-964-7700

Important Phone Numbers

Addictions Healing HELP-LINE: 856-342-4057

Catholic Charities Clinical Services: 1-866-862-2166

NJ Hotline for Addiction: Dial 211.

This is an information and referral service that connects you with substance use disorder and support services

National Suicide Prevention Helpline: 800-273-8255

NJ Veterans Hotline for Suicide Prevention
“Life doesn’t have to be a battlefield.”

Confidential Peer Support for NJ Veterans
1-866-838-7654 or www.njveteranshelpline.org
Sponsored by Rutgers NJ Dept. of Military Affairs

Diocese of Camden Addiction Hotline:
1-855-5HOPE4U